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# LANE GIVES VIEWS TO WARREN PANEL

## Public Hearing Is Held at Request of Lawyer

WASHINGTON, March 4 (UPI)—The Presidential commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy held its first public hearing today at the request of a New York lawyer.

The request was made by Mark Lane, a former New York Assemblyman who claims to represent the President's accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, who heads the commission, opened the session at the commission's headquarters building by saying that Mr. Lane's request for the hearing was thoroughly agreeable to the commission.

"The commission does not operate in a secret way," Mr. Warren said.

He asserted that the hearings had been limited to the "quiet of our rooms" because it was felt that this would speed the hearings and avoid inconvenience.

"The purpose of this commission," Mr. Warren said, "is to make known to the President and the American public all of the testimony we have received. All of it will be made available at an appropriate time."

Mr. Lane, who has frequently challenged the view that Oswald was guilty of shooting Mr. Kennedy, told the commission he had heard of a secret meeting in a Dallas night club eight days before the President was killed.

Present at the meeting, he said, were J. D. Tippitt, the Dallas patrolman who was slain while trying to arrest Oswald; Bernard Weissman, a Mount Vernon, N. Y., resident who had placed an anti-Kennedy advertisement in a Dallas newspaper the day the President was shot, and an unidentified third person.

The meeting, Mr. Lane said, was held on Nov. 14 in the Carousel Club, a night club owned by Jack Ruby, now on trial in Dallas for the murder of Oswald.

The hearing room was cleared of newsmen and spectators when Mr. Lane said he would rather give the name of the third person present at the meeting to the commission in private.

When the public session resumed Justice Warren denied Mr. Lane's request to serve as Oswald's defense counsel before the commission, with the right to examine witnesses and have access to the commission's document.

Asked what the purpose of the Dallas meeting was, Mr. Lane said the three persons spent more than two hours conferring. He said his information did not indicate what they were talking about.

Mr. Lane also told the commission that photographs of Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a pistol on his hip were "obviously doctored" before the were printed in newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Lane's contention that a secret meeting had been held in Dallas was first made at a public meeting on Feb. 18 in Town Hall at which Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the accused assassin's mother appeared.

Although he mentioned the names of Mr. Tippitt and Mr. Weissman at the Town Hall meeting, Mr. Lane did not make public the third person's identity.

Mr. Weissman, asked to comment after Mr. Lane first made his charge, said he had never met Mr. Tippitt, Ruby or Oswald. He also said he had never been in the Carousel.

"As far as I know," Mr. Weissman said at that time, "anybody I associated with in Dallas never had any such meeting."

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